

PRESS RELEASE

MIDDLETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT STREET CRIME UNIT

The Middletown Police Department Street Crime Unit has increased their interdiction efforts of Heroin traffickers within the city of Middletown. This is in response to several overdose deaths that have occurred within the past year. The heroin has been originating in Hartford and being trafficked to Middletown by way of drug dealers.

On Friday March 1, 2013 Narcotic Detectives arrested Gino Rizzo age 28 of Middletown and Alexa Jerjies age 28 of East Hampton. They possessed **one hundred bags of heroin** which they had purchased in Hartford and were going to sell in Middletown. Rizzo's phone was seized and continuously rang and received text messages from heroin addicts requesting Rizzo sell them heroin. Rizzo's bond was set at \$30,000.00 and Jerjies was set at \$20,000.00. On Sunday March 3, 2013 the state of Connecticut Bail Commissioner released both Rizzo and Jerjies from police custody on a promise to appear in court. The narcotic unit continues to receive complaints from concerned citizens stating that Rizzo is once again selling heroin endangering lives.

Detectives have continued their efforts to combat the sale of heroin in Middletown.

On Friday March 8, 2013 narcotics detectives arrested Alexis Rodriguez age 27 of Hartford and Felix Jiminez age 28 also of Hartford. Both Rodriguez and Jiminez have extensive arrest histories for narcotics.

Jiminez was operating a motor vehicle and refused to stop for the police as he engaged officers in a pursuit. The pursuit was ended when detectives were able to block off the street they were traveling on. As detectives approached the vehicle they observed a clear cellophane bag containing numerous wax paper folds tied off in bundles in the center console. Jiminez was removed from the vehicle and refused to be handcuffed. Rodriguez stated he did not stop because he doesn't have a license and they had drugs in the car. Detectives would remove **one hundred three bags of heroin** and **1.2 grams of cocaine** from the vehicle.

A large sum of US currency was removed from Jiminez. Both parties claimed to be unemployed.

Rodriguez had an outstanding warrant out of East Hartford. Jiminez is currently on probation.

Alexis Rodriguez was subsequently arrested for the following charges and held on a **\$200,000.00 Bond** as he is a **flight risk**:

Possession of Heroin

Possession of Heroin With Intent to Sell

Possession of Heroin With Intent to Sell within 1500' of a Housing Project

Possession of Cocaine

Possession of Cocaine With Intent to Sell

Possession of Cocaine With Intent to Sell within 1500' of a Housing Project

Engaging Police in a Pursuit

Interfering

Operating a Motor Vehicle without a License

Tinted Windows

Obstructed Marker Plate



Felix Jiminez was subsequently arrested for the following charges and held on a **\$200,000.00 Bond**:

Possession of Heroin

Possession of Heroin With Intent to Sell

Possession of Heroin With Intent to Sell within 1500' of a Housing Project

Possession of Cocaine

Possession of Cocaine With Intent to Sell

Possession of Cocaine With Intent to Sell within 1500' of a Housing Project

Interfering



Any citizens willing to give information concerning possible illegal activities are encouraged to contact Sgt. Rich Davis of the Street Crime Unit at (860) 344-3259. All information will remain anonymous.